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RUSSIAN EMIGRANTS CLUB

Enquiries made in accordance with received instruction regarding Russian Emigrants Club/ Russian Club/ No 147 Weihai-wei Road show the following:- The above club was established first in 1943/ under the name of "Arts Club" by Society of Fine Arts Amateurs. This society had at the start only 30 members Initiative group for organization of the club consisted of the following persons:- S.F.Antakolsky-Viatkin Vice Chairman. L.N.Giarkin, M.V.Shastin, B.M.Koltzoff-Blochin, Miss A.V.Andreyeff. Of this persons the three first named have been employed in various clubs etc where gambling was practised. It was well known, that Russian Emigrants Committee assisted in the opening of the club and received according to agreement 25% of the gross proceeds of the club. According to information on behalf of Russian Emigrants Committee conducted negotiations P.A. Savintzeff, head of Cultural-Educational section of committee.

Group of Russian Jews financed the club through B.B. Sverjensky, chairman of the club and invested aproximetely $ 90.000 in the club as commercial enterprise on condition that this group received 25% of the gross proceeds from theatrical performences etc and 75% of gross proceeds from card and other games.

Art-Club.

It is said that, the opening of the club was result of sympathetic attitude towards Russian Emigrants Committee of Japanese Millitary authorities and Gendarmerie who gave permission of the establishing of the club with game in order to support benevolent activities of R.E.C which was in hard financial circumctences. Arts Club as well as present Russian Emigrants Club are not registered with Shanghai Municipal Police, altough registration of all societies and clubs is obligatory according to Shanghai Municipal Council's regulations.

Official opening of Arts Club took place on January 16, 1943. In the Russian newspapers was mentioned in this connection, that celebration was visited by representative of Japanese

Gendarmerie, Chinese Authorities and Russian Emigrants Committe Newspapers wished succes to thennew enterprise.

In "Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury", local daily in English language under Japanese control appeared article on 27.I.43 in which new club was called as gambling den which activity should be stoped by authorities. The local Russian Fascist newspaper "Nash Put" also published in connection with the opening of the club small articlewhich was ended by ironical wish "Long Life to Shanghai efforts to lead Russian people to the path of national creative work" Irony was understood by thouse who knew, that "Nash Put" during previous year published small notes regarding"jewish attempt to creat a gambling den under Russian emigrants flag".

Games of poker ,bridge and chemin de fer were organised in the club by S.F.Antakolsky Viatin a well known specialist in gambling connected previously with several gambling places. S.F.Antakolsky-Viatkin was sentenced by the Provisional Court on II.4.28 to 3 months of imprisonment on charge of"Possession of Counterfeit Banknotes With Intent to Utter" It should be poited out,however,that the banknotes in question were USSR Chervonets notes which as was proved in the Court were note in circulation in Shanghai.He was released on IO.6.28 on remission of sentence.

Soon after Settelment was handed over to the Chinese Authorities the"Arts Club"was closed byn them. About two months later in December I943 the club was reopened under the name of "Russian Emigrants Club" and continued activity of former "Arts Club".All administration and the staff remained on their previous posts.

It is said,that reopening of the club under the new name was result of intercession of General F.L.Gleboff,chairman of Russian Emigrants Committee and Mr.KK.Kuroki,adviser of above committee. According to rumours,certain assistance was rendered in this venture one Murai ,Korean,who has connection with some of Japanese officials.

Reopening of the club under name

of Russian Emigrants Club was noticed by the Russian community many were surprised, that R.E.C give its name to the club wich actually is a gambling enterprise, especially as it was strongly rumoured, that the biggest part of income is going to a group of Jewish financiers, organisers of gambling and as "present" to several influential oersons. It should be noted in this connection, that according Chinese Criminal Code, "Gambling carried out on a business basis certain games of chance for stake of money, which savours of gambling became a criminal offence(Art.266 of the C.C.C)

After reopening of the club under the name of Russian Emigrants Club one Santiago LLADO, 45 Spanish citizen residing at II54 Av Joffre was engaged to conduct gambling in the club. S.Llado is a well known proprietor of gambling dens. He was working with notorious owner of gambling dens Garsia, and in I936 was connected with "New Union Club" conducted by J.A.Shrof. It is reported, that S.Llado according to agreement received first 35% of gross proceeds the games. Since June I944 according to a new agreement he receives 25%. The other 75% of gross proceed are received by B.B.Sverjensky chairman of theclub, representative of group of Jewish businessmen who financed the club. From this sum I5% are going to the Russian Emigrants Committee. According to confidential information received from persons connected with the club certain sum is going as presents to General F.L.Gleboff and Mr K.Kuroki, chairman and advisor of R.E.C respectively, and to some Japanese officials who are patronising the club

It should be mentioned, that for a period some of the Japanese patrons of the club recivee presents through one Adrian Alexandrovich KASHIN, Russian emigrant born on I.9. I903 at Odessa, journalist by profession a man with criminal records. On I3.2.34 he was sentenced by IS.S.D.C for Uttering forged bonds to 3 years and 6 months and fined $I500 or $3 per day. By Appeal Court on I4.5.34 he was sentenced to I year and 6 months. On I.I.4I Kashin was sentenced by 2 S.S. D.C. for "Larceny" to $600 or $3 per day Appeal Court reduced

sentence to $400. or $3 per day on 28.5.41.On 3.6.44 Kashin was sentenced by I.S.S.D.C for"Siccesful Uttering of count negotiable bonds"to 2 years and 6 months of imprisonment.

Recently one Alexander G.NAPALKOFF,Russian emigrant born on 1888 residing at 220/37 Kungping Road,divorsed,merchant by profession who formerlt resided for many years in Japan and speaks fluently Japanese language started to collect presents for some new Japanese patrons of the club. A.G. Napalkoff is known as professional informer connected with some Japanese Intelligence offices.It is rumoured ,that he at the same time has Soviet and Jewish connections. His former wife is a Jewes by origin.

The Club charges $10.00 per person for each new pack of playing cards supplied and 10% of the initial sum of each bank is paid to the club.During last months according to information club collected daily about $100.000. That gives monthly income of 3 million dollars. From this sum 25%($25.000) is received by S.LLADO conductor of gambling. B.B.SVERJENSKY, chairman of the club representative of a group of Jewish financiers received 75%($ 75.000).From the last named sum 15% is received by the Russian Emigrants Committee./ $ 11.250 per day or about $337.500 per month/

Besides 10% collected by the club from each bank, vinner gambler gives certain sum to croupiers money box and directly to croupiers.This money are collected and distributed between each of croupiers as follows. S.I.Sergeeff,chief croupier receives 11%,I.S.Fonareff,A.G.Galler J.Shishman alias Shishmanis,E.Dolinin -9% and N.V.Tenysheff and G.I.Melnichenko -~~mmm~~ 4% .The rest 49% are taken by B.B.Sverjensky,chairman of the club"nessessary expences"

It is rumoured,that S.Llado,B.B.Sverjensky and other leading persons of Russian Emigrants Club in order to eliminate competition of gambling den above Chi Ki Hai Bar No Avenue du Roi Albert owned by one Carlos LARCINA,Spanish through some persons friendly to administration of the club arranged a police raid on this gamblingden.

which resulted in temporarily closure of this establishment.

It should be noted also, that about I months ago newspaper "Novoe Vremia"/The New Times/published and edited by Mr K.Kuroki mentioned above published an article in which it criticize the atmospher prevailing in certain gambling place on Rte des Soeurs and referred to a fighting place. This article was accepted with sarcasm by general public as it was considered as an effort to spoil "business of competing establishment to Russian Emigrants Club.

The following are the persons connected with the club with different capasity:-

Santiago LLADO, 45, Spanish residing at II54 Av Joffre mentioned above conductor of gambling.

Shalva Georgievich BADRIDZE nicknamed "Shaliko", assitant and right hand man of S.Llado who supervise gambling during his absence. S.G.Badridze, Russian emigrant of Georgian origin was born on August 20, I895 at Tiflis, Georgia, single. He arrived at Shanghai from Tientsin in I938. He resides at 5I2/I4 Rte Vallom. In his Pao Chia form are mentioned as guarantors V.C. Matkawa and P.Matkawa-Namgladze both residing at II2 Rte Vallon well known speculators-brockers, who were detained by S.M.Police in connection with a Fraud case. S.G.Badridze is well known as professional gambler and has a criminal records. On 29.I2.30 he was sentenced by 2 S.S.D.C for "Attempted murder" to 2 years of imprisonment suspended for 3 years and paid $800 compensation On II.I0.4I he was sentenced by I.S.S.D.C for "Successive Fraud" to 5 months of imprisonment. Being released on 9.3.2(C.R.O.F. II9I).

Boris Borisovich SVERJENSKY - chairman of the club representing group of Jewish financier who invested money in the club as gambling enterprise. B.B.Sverjensky, Russian emigrant, was born on July 27, I899 at Riga, single, bookkeeper by profession. For a period he was employed with L.S.Weinstaein/Exporter and importer of Furs and Skins/458 Szechuen Road, formerly registered as U.S.A firm. Relative of L.S.Weinstain one M.L.Weinstaim, Soviet citizen

is one of partner of "Union Credit & Trust Bank" 330 Szechuen Road connected with Moscow Narodni Bank. B.B. Sverjensky has reputation of opium addict and at present does not pay much attention to rutine of the club. He resides at 602 Rte Frelupt.

Leonid N. GIARKIN -Secretary of the club right hand man of B.B. Sverjensky, was previously employed at several clubs where gambling was practised. L.N. Giarkin Russian emigrant was born on January 20, 1895 at Kazan. He arrived at Shanghai from Kirin in 1923. He resides in the premises of the club together with his wife. Giarkin supervise junior employees of the club and stuarts on duty.

Iliya Solomonovich FONAREFF.-Croupier. He is Russian emigrant of Jewish origin, born on 24.10.1898 at Melitopol, South Russia. Professional gambler connected with many gambling dens in his past. and has criminal records. On 1.11.29 Fonareff was charged for "Being a member of criminal gang" Case was withdrawn. On 13.4.32 was sentenced by the 2 S.S.D.C for "Gambling to Fine $500 or 166 days of imprisonment. On 21.3.34 was sentenced by the 2S.S.D.C for "Aiding and abetting in gambling" to 2 months of imprisonment and Fine $300 or 150 days imrisonment. Fonareff is married to Lia Fonareff, Russian Jewess. He resides at Passage 25/2 Rte Tenant de la Tour.

Andrey G. GELLER - Croupier.. Russian emigrant of Jewish origin christian by faith, born on 8.10.1899 at Nicolsk-Ussuriysk. Electro-mechanic by profession but known as professional gambler and croupier. He arrived at Shanghai in 1929 Resides at 921 Av Joffre. In his Pao Chia form are mentioned as guaranters L. Giarkin and E. Dolinin both professional gambler conected with Russian Emigrants Club.

Evgeny DOLININ -Croupier. Russian emigrant born on December 10, 1900 at Ufa, single resides at 393 Rte Cardinal Mercier. E. Dolinin is known as professional gambler previously employed at several clubs. On his Pao Chia form is mentioned as guaranter L.N. Giarkin mentoned above.

James Shismanis alias SHISHMAN -Croupier. J. Shishman is a Latvian, born on 29.5.1891 at Riga, married. and is in possession

of Latvian passport No I6?? p issued by local Finish Consulat General in charge of Latvian interenses. He arrived at Shanghai on 3.9.1937.He resides at I33 1/50 Rte des Soeurs.J.Shismanis alias Shishman is well known as professional gambler In 1936 he was connected with New Union Club 309 Kiangse Road together with S.Llado mentioned above and one J.A.Shrof.

Sergey Ivanovich SERGEEFF- Chief croupier.Russian emigrant born on October 7,1893 at Nijneudinsk,Irkutsk Prov. He resides at I53H Rte des Soeurs apt 30.Being a professiobal gambler he has better reputationas other croupiers employed at R.E.C among the visitors.

Georgy Iosifovich MELNITCHENKO Statless of Russian origin,formerly in possession of Chinese passport,born on April ,1903 at Suchan Line,Maritime Province.He is a member of local Ukrainian National Community.Resides at Pass 30/15 Rue Lafayette with his common law wife,daughter and mother. Professional gambler,recently joined club/although he was one of the founders of Arts Club,but owing to disagrement with S.F.Antakolsky-Viatkin did not recive employment.

Nicolay Vladimirovich TENYSHEFF Russian emigrant,born on 27.9.1895at Simbirsk at the noble Russian family of Prince Tenysheff.Thetrical agent by profession.For a few years travel led over Far East with different thetrical enterprises.Was in charge of"Bingo" at present he is working as croupier. He resides at I29/60 Avenue Haig.

Ury Mihailovich De Goutiar/Cashier of the club/ Russian emigrant ,born on May 30,1898 at Nijniy -Novgorod.Ex officer of the White Army. He is known as suspected Soviet agent.For a period he was personal adjutant of General S.A.Zubkovsky who turned over to the reds. De Goutiar when in Harbin for several years was employed at Passport section of Harbin Chinese Police. In 1927 it was discovered,that he was supplying Soviet with Russian emigrants passports.For this offencehe was detained and arrested but was later released upon the Chinese authorities being bribed by certain Soviet officials.After Chinese Eastern Railway was handed over to USSR he was appointed to a post in the Commercial

Department of J.E.T Head Office.In May 1931 De Goutiar arrived at Shanghai from Harbin.Sincethat time he was employed first at Cathay Hotel and later with different restaurants as assistant manager.De Goutiar resides at 638/2I Av Joffre. Linda Terrace.

Besides the abovementioned persons employees of the club,with the club are connected the following persons:-

Joyna Danelevich VITIS statless of Russian -Jewish origin born on April 29,1896 at Odessa.He is motion picture broker by profession and arrived from Harbin on November 30, 1933.Vitis is contractor of restaurant of Russian Emigrants Club.He resides at 886/3 Av Dubail apt 4.Vitis is member of Local Jewish Community.He is divorced with his wife Mrs A. P.Engelsberg Theyhave a son Mark Vitis born on 31.12.1937 born at Shanghai.

Sergey Borisovich SVERJENSKY brother of B.B.Sverjensky,Chairman of the club.According information he is working as informer of his elder brother frequently visiting club and during absence of B.B.Sverjensky watching activities of croupiers,S.Llado,D.P.Marcelly and S.G.Badridze/Shalike/

S.B.Sverjensky is a Russian emigrant born on 22.6.19 1911 at Riga.He has reputation of being homosexualist.He resides with his brother B.B.Sverjensky at No 602 Rte Frelugt.

On conclusion of this report it is interesting to note,that whilst Russian Emigrants Club being operated under Russian national flag the staff of the club consist of persons of different nationalities and not only Russian emigrants as it could be expected. Among persons directly connected with gambling who all are known in the past by their association with different gambling places are the following :- S.Llado(Spanish),D.P.Marcelly(French)

J.Saiaganis alias Thishman(Latvian), S.I.Selnichenko(stateless of Russian origin)and the following Russian emigrants, S.G.Badridze(Georgian), I.S.Tenaroff(Jew), A.S.Geller(baptized Jew), B.B.Sverjensky, S.I.Sergeeff, L.N.Giarkin, S.Dolinin, N.V.Tenysheff. Three of these persons have criminal records. V.I.De Goutier cashier of the club is known as suspected Soviet agent. J.N.Vitis contractor of Restaurant of R.E.C. is statless of Jewish origin.

The latest information received during compilling of the reportsnow, that since 23.9.44 one Darius Pierre MARSILY alias MARCELLY, French citizen born on May 18,1887 residing at Cathay Mansion I220, tel 70070, notorious conductor of gambling places according to agreement with Russian Emigrants Clubireceived one of the gambling room in his possession where he attrackted his customers. D.P.Marsily alias Marcelly associate of J.Sorianno known gambler was arrested during the raid on June 9,1934 at No 204 Seymour Road and was sentenced by the French Court for "Aiding of Public Gambling" to a fine of 800 francks/"Shanghai Times"/ dated 22.6.34/. According to information Marsily received from gross proceed of gambling conducted in his room 30% S.Llado conductor of gambling mentioned above received also certain compensation and the rest is taker by B.B.Sverjensky, chairman of the club representing group of Jewish financiers. Sverjensky from his part pay 15% to Russian Emigrants Committee. It is said, that on 23.9.44 gross proceed from gambling was $600.000 and croupiers money box received $70.000. During last week it is said some "banks" during gambling reached $900.000.

Recently opposite of R.E.Club at No 60 Weihaiwei Road was established a big Chinese gambling house, but this place is patronized by Chineseand has not influence on business of the club.

It should be noted, that Soviet propagandist among Russian emigrants are often using Russian Emigrants Club as an argument in order

to convince "White Russians", that nothing can be expected from the Russian Emigrants Committee and Japanese Authorities supporting it. They pointed out, that "USSR Citizen Club" is the centre of local Soviet activities, has cheap and free kitchen, theatre, cinema, lectures, sport etc when Russian Emigrants Club is a common gambling den from which income the biggest part is going not to benevolent activities of Russian emigration but for benefit of a group of Jewish businessmen and as a presents to numerous officials protecting this gambling place.

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